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Honorable Pete Stark
Member, House of Representatives
22320 Foothill Blvd.
Room 500
Hayward, California 94541

Dear Congressman Stark:

This is in reply to your letter of January 28, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Paul Welcome, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235/57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

Mr. Welcome is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

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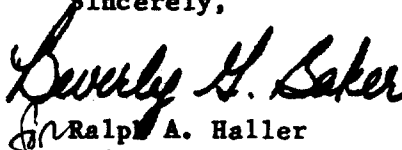
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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,


Beverly H. Baker

Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures:

Notice

Order

Discussion paper

cc:

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Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim
Director, Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission, Room 808
1910 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

Enclosed is a letter from one of my constituents. I would appreciate your looking into the matter and complying with the request, if possible.

Please advise me of any action you take and reply to my district office at 22320 Foothill Blvd., Room 500, Hayward, CA 94541, Attn: Gaye Hyde. The phone number is (510) 635-1092.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Pete Stark
United States Congressman

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Jan. 26, 1993

HONORABLE PETE STARK
22320 Foothill Blvd
Hayward, CA 94541

Subject: FCC issuance of NPRM PR DOCKET 92-235

Dear Congressmen Stark:

I wish to bring this issue to your attention. I am asking you to look into this matter.

FCC has made frequencies changes in the past and as a user of the system I supported the changes to allow as many users as possible. The change they are now proposing will eliminate the use by thousands of us radio control model users.

The proposed new frequencies will be designated as "mobile" so that none of us will know when and where it is safe to fly our models. The Mobile users will be allowed higher wattage and when a mobile user turns on an adjacent frequency near a inflight radio control model, then the results will be an uncontrolled crash. This brings up the SAFETY ISSUE which also must be addressed.

The present radio technology was developed to allow the narrow spacing that we now use - but will not be able to cope with the proposed NARROWER SPACING.

It is very important that all sides of this issue be carefully evaluated before FCC is allow to make the changes and stop all the activities of both Modelers and the related support industries.

AS a tax payer, voter, and supporter I urged you to help us stop this very dangerous INTRUSION of the radio control hobby which thousands of us voters enjoy.

Thank You so very much.

Sincerely,

Paul Welcome



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